



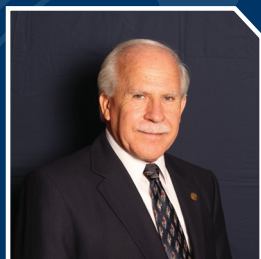
# OPERATIONS

The division of Operations maintains and manages programs and services supporting transportation infrastructure, rights-of-way, canopy roads, roadside beautification, stormwater maintenance and mosquito control, programs that place emphasis on efficiency, cost-effectiveness and environmental awareness.

Dale Walker has served as division director since 2004 and has been an employee of Public Works for more than 35 years, receiving his designation as a Certified Public Manager from the Florida Center for Public Management in 1995.

He is a member of the American Public Works Association and serves as an Executive Committee Member of the North Florida Fusion eXchange. In addition to his service with Public Works, he also worked part-time for the Leon County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit for more than 20 years, obtaining the rank of Captain. Walker is a graduate of the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy and a recipient of the Leon County Sheriff's Office Distinguished Service Award.

His staff oversees Right-of-Way, Stormwater, Alternative Stabilization, Transportation and Mosquito Control.



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## TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- Performed 1,468 tons of asphalt pothole patching.
- Performed grading on approximately 39 miles of County-maintained dirt roads on a two-week cycle for a total of 1,017 miles graded during the year.
- Repair and installation of 8,522 street signs.
- Investigated and responded to 6,220 service requests.
- Cleaned 25,288 linear feet of storm drains.
- Installed 106,757 square feet of pavement symbols.
- Completed 7,055 work orders associated with mosquito control service requests, activity monitoring and preventative measures.
- Initiated a Wildflower Pilot Project in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation and adjoining property owners. The program involves restricting the mowing season along roads with potential for native wildflower development. Results will be analyzed for possible future expansion.
- Completed the construction of new truck sheds and additional office space for the Mosquito Control program. The new construction will result in better security for County resources and an increase in efficiency of operations.
- Prepared and conducted a Mosquito Control workshop that examined the no-spray policies and procedures of other programs throughout the state and country. The workshop involved considerable research and input from the County's Science Advisory Committee and citizens.
- Mowed 2,415 shoulder miles of County rights-of-way.
- Stabilized/paved Jack Vause, Godbolt, Lee Reeves, and Bice Roads with an Open Grade Mix providing an alternative to conventional asphalt. The Open Grade Mix is porous and allows stormwater to filter through the surface. This, in turn, reduces stormwater run-off and traps surface contaminants within the stabilized surface.
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## DID YOU KNOW

Leon County's Operations division employs two Certified Arborists.